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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire increased by 3,460 from mid-June to mid-July. The jobless count reached 24,050 representing 4.5 percent of the civilian labor force of 539,820. The rates were 3.9 percent in June and 5.6 percent a year ago. Nationally the rates were 7.5 percent in July, 7.4 percent in June and 9.4 percent a year ago. The increased unemployment rate is due in part to workers filing for unemployment compensation as a result of vacation plant shutdowns. These particular workers were ineligible for vacation pay due to insufficient job seniority. Eight of the eleven labor market areas experienced unemployment increases ranging from 1,870 in the Dover area to only 30 in the Littleton area. Three labor market areas, Berlin, Claremont and Portsmouth recorded unemployment decreases during July. Unemployment rates ranged from a high of 10.1 percent in the Dover labor market area to a low of 2.5 percent in the Claremont area. The large unemployment increase in the Dover area reflects both temporary and permanent layoffs in the footwear industry as foreign imports continue to be a factor.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 2,950 from June as nonmanufacturing increased 5,150 and manufacturing decreased 2,200. In nonmanufacturing, seasonal employment in services and trade increased significantly as tourism peaked in July. Construction, particularly residential building, is enjoying a brisk season and increased by 1,200 jobs in July.

Year ago comparisons indicate an increase of 17,400 workers with manufacturing up 8,850 and nonmanufacturing 8,550. Electrical products led the manufacturing sector with an over the year gain of 3,750 while services led in nonmanufacturing with an increase of 7,400. Construction is down 4,700 from last year due to the vastly reduced work force at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CHANGES: Total unemployment increased by 670 and the jobless count of 3,840 represented 4.1 percent of the civilian labor force. A year ago the rate was 6.1 percent. Nonagricultural employment decreased by 900 from June, but was up 3,700 from a year ago. Machinery and electrical products increased by 400 workers over the year, while trade is up 1,200 and construction 700.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CHANGES: Total unemployment decreased by 20 and the jobless count of 2,680 represented 2.8 percent of the civilian labor force. A year ago the rate was 4.5 percent. Nonagricultural employment decreased from June by 500, but was up 4,500 from a year ago. Machinery and electrical products increased 3,150 from last year, and trade is up 600 while services increased 650.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester Labor Market Area					Nashua Labor Market Area				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	Month	Year	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	Month	Year	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	539,820	529,460	519,020	10,360	20,800	92,760	92,670	89,270	90	3,490	94,740	94,760	89,260	-20	5,480
2. Unemployment	24,050	20,590	28,870	3,460	-4,820	3,840	3,170	5,490	670	-1,650	2,680	2,520	4,040	160	-1,360
Percent of labor force	4.5	3.9	5.6	xxx	xxx	4.1	3.4	6.1	xxx	xxx	2.8	2.7	4.5	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	515,770	508,870	490,150	6,900	25,620	88,920	89,500	83,780	-580	5,140	92,060	92,240	85,220	-180	6,840
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	439,350	436,400	421,950	2,950	17,400	82,600	83,500	78,900	-900	3,700	76,950	77,450	72,450	-500	4,500
Manufacturing	120,600	122,800	111,750	-2,200	8,850	17,100	17,550	16,000	-450	1,100	36,850	36,600	33,750	250	3,100
Durable goods	80,400	80,450	72,150	-50	8,250	9,950	10,250	9,100	-300	850	30,150	29,950	27,050	200	3,100
Lumber & wood prods.	5,050	5,200	4,800	-150	250										
Furniture & fixtures	1,400	1,600	1,400	-200	0										
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,850	2,500	0	350										
Primary metal prods.	3,900	3,950	3,700	-50	200										
Fabricated metal prods.	7,250	7,200	6,750	50	500										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,100	23,400	21,400	700	2,700	6,250	6,500	5,850	-250	400	23,150	22,700	20,000	450	3,150
Electrical prods.	25,600	25,850	21,850	-250	3,750										
Miscellaneous prods.	1,900	1,950	1,750	-50	150										
Other durables	8,350	8,450	8,000	-100	350	3,700	3,750	3,250	-50	450	7,000	7,250	7,050	-250	-50
Nondurable goods	40,200	42,350	39,600	-2,150	600	7,150	7,300	6,900	-150	250	6,700	6,650	6,700	50	0
Food & kindred prods.	2,800	3,000	2,750	-200	50										
Textile mill prods.	4,150	4,300	3,850	-150	300										
Apparel	2,550	2,800	2,750	-250	-200	1,850	1,850	1,850	0	0					
Paper & allied prods.	5,600	5,850	5,450	-250	150										
Print., pub. & allied	7,000	7,050	6,900	-50	100										
Leather & lea. prods.	7,650	8,550	8,300	-900	-650										
Other nondurables	10,450	10,800	9,600	-350	850	5,300	5,450	5,050	-150	250					
Nonmanufacturing	318,750	313,600	310,200	5,150	8,550	65,500	65,950	62,900	-450	2,600	40,100	40,850	38,700	-750	1,400
Construction (inc. min.)	21,850	20,650	26,550	1,200	-4,700	4,400	4,150	3,700	250	700	3,400	3,250	3,400	150	0
Trans., comm. & util.	15,350	15,900	15,150	-550	200	5,200	5,250	5,100	-50	100	1,900	2,000	1,850	-100	50
Trade	102,450	101,150	97,700	1,300	4,750	22,000	22,200	20,800	-200	1,200	14,600	14,850	14,000	-250	600
Fin., ins. & real estate	23,250	23,050	21,900	200	1,350	6,550	6,500	6,350	50	200	2,550	2,500	2,300	50	250
Service industry & other	99,350	92,950	91,950	6,400	7,400	19,050	19,150	18,750	-100	300	12,800	12,750	12,150	50	650
Government	56,500	59,900	56,950	-3,400	-450	8,300	8,700	8,200	-400	100	4,850	5,500	5,000	-650	-150
Federal	12,000	11,900	11,850	100	150	2,100	2,000	2,000	100	100	700	700	750	0	-50
State	13,800	14,550	14,400	-750	-600	850	900	850	-50	0	250	250	200	0	50
Local	30,700	33,450	30,700	-2,750	0	5,350	5,800	5,350	-450	0	3,900	4,550	4,050	-650	-150

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

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Labor Disputes:

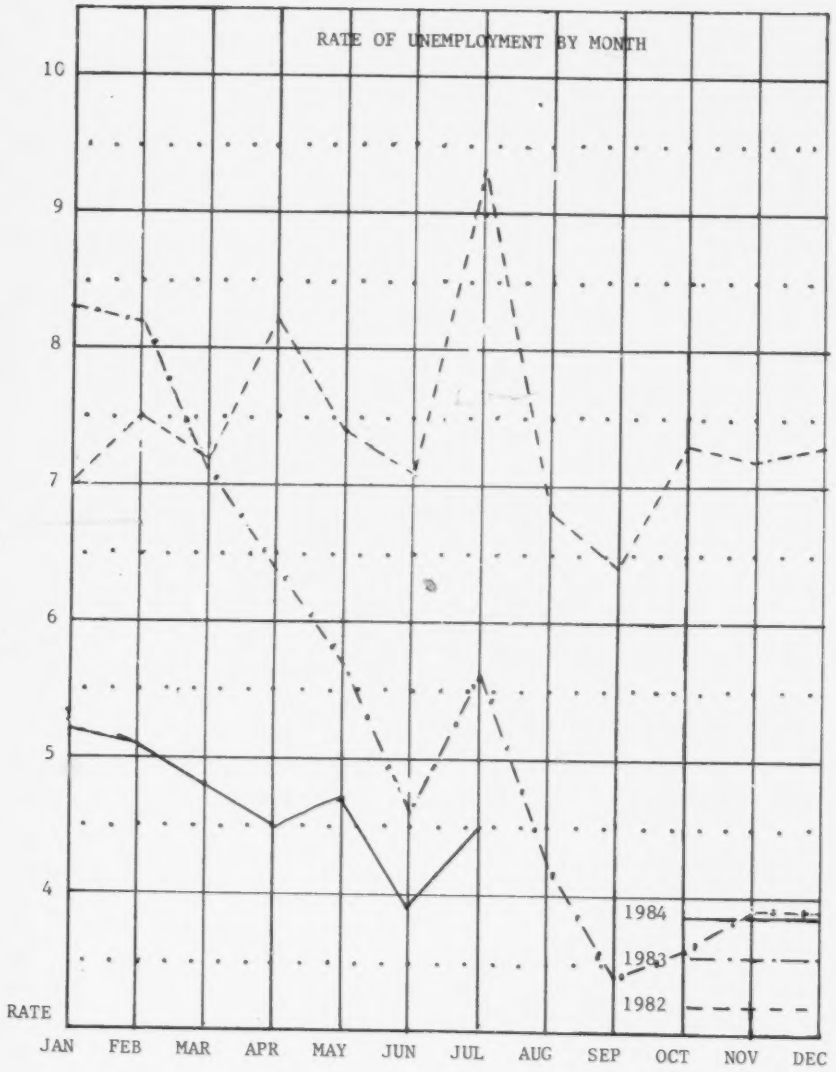
Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*							Civilian Labor Force				
	July 1984		June 1984		July 1983		Numerical Change From Previous		July	June	July	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Month	Year	1984	1984	1983	Month	Year
United States**	8,714	7.5	8,582	7.4	10,707	9.4	132	-1,993	116,198	115,393	113,980	805	2,218
New Hampshire	24,050	4.5	20,590	3.9	28,870	5.6	3,460	-4,820	539,820	529,460	519,020	10,360	20,800
Labor Market Area													
Berlin	1,020	4.6	1,090	5.3	1,310	6.2	-70	-290	21,970	20,750	21,090	1,220	880
Claremont	1,030	2.5	1,060	2.7	1,970	5.1	-30	-940	40,420	39,080	38,260	1,340	2,160
Concord	1,720	3.6	1,360	2.9	2,020	4.5	360	-300	47,640	47,060	44,630	580	3,010
Dover	4,820	10.1	2,950	6.3	3,760	8.4	1,870	1,060	47,700	46,550	44,610	1,150	3,090
Keene	1,400	3.4	1,300	3.2	2,090	5.3	100	-690	41,180	40,250	39,140	930	2,040
Laconia	1,460	2.8	1,130	2.4	2,190	4.4	330	-730	51,400	47,390	49,550	4,010	1,850
Littleton	650	3.9	620	3.9	1,020	6.4	30	-370	16,520	15,720	15,920	800	600
Manchester	3,840	4.1	3,170	3.4	5,490	6.1	670	-1,650	92,760	92,670	89,270	90	3,490
Nashua	2,680	2.8	2,520	2.7	4,040	4.5	160	-1,360	94,740	94,760	89,260	-20	5,480
Portsmouth	3,820	6.5	3,960	6.8	2,900	4.8	-140	920	58,360	57,980	60,290	380	-1,930
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA***	1,610	5.9	1,430	5.2	2,080	7.7	180	-470	27,130	27,250	27,000	-120	130
County													
Belknap	880	3.4	650	2.7	1,250	5.0	230	-370	26,120	24,120	25,160	2,000	960
Carroll	440	2.8	480	3.3	660	4.4	-40	-220	15,560	14,690	14,980	870	580
Cheshire	1,350	3.7	1,210	3.4	1,980	5.6	140	-630	36,980	36,090	35,160	890	1,820
Coos	1,030	5.3	1,050	5.7	1,310	7.0	-20	-280	19,440	18,380	18,670	1,060	770
Grafton	1,040	2.7	980	2.7	1,570	4.3	60	-530	38,650	36,720	36,690	1,930	1,960
Hillsborough	5,730	3.4	5,010	3.0	8,400	5.3	720	-2,670	167,630	167,390	159,330	240	8,300
Merrimack	1,870	3.4	1,480	2.7	2,330	4.5	390	-460	55,530	54,220	52,330	1,310	3,200
Rockingham	6,750	5.8	6,520	5.6	6,660	5.7	230	90	116,180	115,930	116,640	250	-460
Strafford	4,300	10.0	2,550	6.1	3,290	8.2	1,750	1,010	42,820	41,710	39,980	1,110	2,840
Sullivan	660	3.2	660	3.3	1,420	7.1	0	-760	20,910	20,210	20,080	700	830

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester Labor Market Area includes the city of Manchester and towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Raymond and Weare.

Nashua Labor Market Area is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Lyndeboro, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Ipswich, Pelham, Temple and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1984	1983	1982	1981
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - July	307.5			
Percent change from year ago	3.1			
Year average		297.4	288.6	272.3
Percent increase each year		3.0	6.0	10.3
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - July	311.7			
Percent change from year ago	4.1			
Year average		298.4	289.1	272.4
Percent increase each year		3.2	6.1	10.4

Average Weekly Wage of Workers
Covered by Unemployment Compensation
in Private Industry in New Hampshire

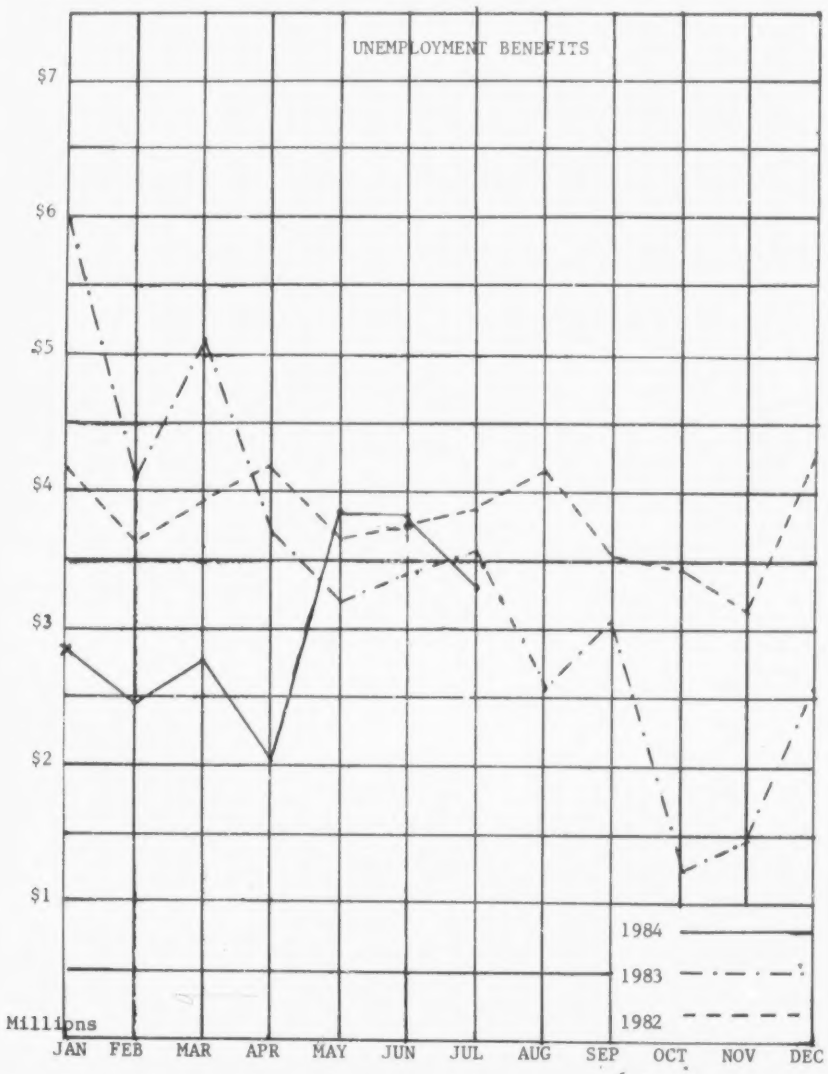
Labor Market Area	AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE				
	Total All Industry 1983	Manufacturing 1983	Total All Industry 1982	Manufacturing 1982	Percent Change
New Hampshire	$296.34	$358.37	$279.20	$334.32	6.1
Berlin	243.33	352.78	231.11	334.28	5.3
Claremont	297.25	340.24	287.40	332.10	3.4
Concord	283.01	315.53	266.28	295.29	6.3
Dover	265.14	317.87	249.51	293.34	6.3
Keene	275.93	337.73	264.63	321.51	4.3
Laconia	238.99	281.03	225.59	269.34	5.9
Littleton	210.32	226.89	198.56	217.25	5.9
Manchester	280.63	330.83	262.44	301.10	6.9
Nashua	337.55	418.82	310.09	389.62	8.9
Portsmouth	328.61	409.82	310.86	369.39	5.7
Salem	287.32	408.40	272.88	395.82	5.3
*Statewide	411.29	445.95	390.14	401.43	5.4

*Establishments not assigned to specific location

Weekly Claims Filed During
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	6,969	27,555	16	60	10	19	47	101	54	94
Berlin	315	1,536	0	0	1	5	2	1	0	0
Claremont	209	818	0	2	3	2	1	10	1	0
Concord	883	1,998	7	14	1	1	4	6	1	5
Dover	1,541	6,709	6	22	2	4	10	25	13	25
Keene	491	1,342	1	6	1	6	6	10	1	2
Laconia	455	987	1	14	2	1	1	9	3	4
Lebanon	85	320	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
Littleton	215	591	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manchester	1,316	3,538	1	2	0	0	5	20	17	43
Nashua	678	1,410	0	0	0	0	11	4	1	2
Portsmouth	647	7,346	0	0	0	0	4	15	5	8
Salem	134	960	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Not included above: Liable Interstate	396	4,611	0	0	2	0	1	2	6	3

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End Of Month

$88,200,170.15

Net contributions received during month:

$ 7,123,389.26

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 3,326,787.19

Interest Received:

$ 2,097,647.07

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
All manufacturing	$319.16	$317.02	$295.94	40.4	40.8	40.1	$7.90	$7.77	$7.38
Durable goods	329.24	332.47	304.90	40.2	41.3	39.7	8.19	8.05	7.68
Lumber & wood prods.	237.25	244.05	255.61	37.9	39.3	38.5	6.26	6.21	5.86
Furniture & fixtures	286.52	275.22	240.93	37.9	39.6	35.8	7.56	6.95	6.73
Stone & clay prods.	316.84	316.58	331.06	41.8	41.6	44.2	7.58	7.61	7.49
Primary metal prods.	343.36	358.75	338.26	42.6	44.4	43.2	8.06	8.08	7.83
Fab. metal prods.	302.00	311.95	299.70	40.0	41.1	40.5	7.55	7.59	7.40
Mach. (exc. elec.)	357.73	379.75	338.25	41.5	43.7	41.2	8.62	8.69	8.21
Electrical prods.	335.40	332.77	299.44	39.0	39.9	38.0	8.60	8.34	7.88
Miscellaneous prods.	251.93	249.67	235.42	42.7	41.2	39.7	5.90	6.06	5.93
Other durables	351.60	337.81	319.06	40.0	40.7	39.1	8.79	8.30	8.16
Nondurable goods	$300.37	$291.60	$281.64	40.7	40.0	40.7	$7.38	$7.29	$6.92
Food & kindred prods.	390.72	383.22	386.62	40.7	41.7	42.3	9.60	9.19	9.14
Textile mill prods.	269.30	266.13	258.62	39.2	39.9	40.6	6.87	6.67	6.37
Apparel	204.60	204.61	191.35	38.1	37.0	37.3	5.37	5.53	5.13
Paper & allied prods.	450.95	442.88	402.90	49.5	49.1	47.4	9.11	9.02	8.50
Print., pub. & allied	290.94	291.78	296.36	39.0	38.8	41.8	7.46	7.52	7.09
Leather & lea. prods.	208.12	189.57	192.75	38.9	35.7	37.5	5.35	5.31	5.14
Footwear	200.58	181.05	181.30	39.1	35.5	37.0	5.13	5.10	4.90
Other nondurables	325.22	316.36	301.50	40.4	40.3	40.2	8.05	7.85	7.50

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 46

Total Production Workers: 85,773

Firms Reporting: 321

Manchester Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
All manufacturing	$284.13	$295.07	$280.45	36.9	39.5	39.5	$7.70	$7.47	$7.10
Durable goods	316.74	311.18	290.19	39.2	40.1	38.9	8.08	7.76	7.46
Mach. & elec. prods.	321.70	324.79	295.14	38.9	40.7	39.3	8.27	7.98	7.51
Other durables	308.07	287.82	283.78	39.7	39.0	38.4	7.76	7.38	7.39
Nondurable goods	243.82	275.09	267.87	34.1	38.8	40.1	7.15	7.09	6.68
Textiles & apparel	253.88	271.21	240.69	39.3	40.6	39.2	6.46	6.68	6.14
Other nondurables	239.89	276.57	277.55	32.2	38.2	40.4	7.45	7.24	6.87

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 50

Total Production Workers: 12,487

Firms Reporting: 44

Nashua Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
All manufacturing	$369.21	$385.73	$349.92	39.7	41.7	40.5	$9.30	$9.25	$8.64
Durable goods	372.80	391.70	357.06	40.0	42.3	40.9	9.32	9.26	8.73
Mach. & elec. prods.	393.74	423.11	390.17	39.1	42.1	40.6	10.07	10.05	9.61
Other durables	319.37	315.13	293.70	42.3	42.7	41.6	7.55	7.38	7.06
Nondurable goods	352.90	359.86	325.31	38.4	39.2	39.1	9.19	9.18	8.32

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 52

Total Production Workers: 21,571

Firms Reporting: 67

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	July 1984	June 1984	October 1, 1983 to July 31, 1984
Total applicants for employment	3,275	3,432	49,487
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,631	2,926	23,219
Job openings unfilled end of monch	3,523	3,125	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,039	1,622	9,972

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